The information is as under (as on 31-10-1988):

Installed Capacity 2300 working connection 2212 Waiting List:

OYT	—	11
Special	—	73
General	—	569
TOTAL		653

(b) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) Yes, Sir. During 1988-89, 700 lines are proposed to be added by conversion of 2300 Lines MAX-II Exchange into 3000 Line MAX-I Cross Bar Exchange, and its expansion by 500 Lines further (3000 to 3500) during 1989-90.

Import of Telephone Equipments

2998. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of telephone equipments being imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to increase the indigenous production of Telecommunication equipment and to reduce the import; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Indian Telephone Industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The value of telephone equipments imported during the last three years is:—

	(Rs. Crores)
1985-86	95.16
1986-87	116.46
1987-88	85.00 (estimated)

(b) and (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excessive Billing of Telephones

2999. DR. MOHD. HASHMI KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by the Government about excessives billing of telephones from January, 1987 till September 30, 1988; State-wise;

(b) how many of these complaints were found correct or genuine;

(c) what action has been taken against those who were found responsible for preparing such bills; and

(d) what are the details of corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The informations is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generation of Solar Energy

3000. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum in Megawatts of solar energy being generated in the country at present; and

(b) the State-wise amount earmarked for this purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Solar Photovoltaic Systems installed in the country are expected to be generating 1.5 million Kwhr electrical energy and the Solar thermal Systems are expected to be generating|saving 242 Kwhr thermal energy per annum. In addition, 8 million units of electricity were generated in 1987-88 from wind farm projects with an installed capacity of 6 MW. Furthermore Biogas and Biomass generated|saved 4801 million Kwhr and Improved Chulhas saved over 3 million tonnes of fuel wood during 1987-88.

(b) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Representations Against Price Fixation

3001. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3273 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies filed representations against the prices fixed in 1980-81 only;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Supreme Court has upheld the fixation of prices and any revision based on review would have to be prospective in effect;

(c) if so, why and what is the justification for not assessing the amounts due after December, 1983 and who approved such proposition;

(d) whether his Ministry consulted Law Ministry on this issue;

(e) if so, what are the details;

(f) what was the terms of reference of the team which was set up for the purpose of assessing the overcharging;

(g) what are the details of records verified in respect of each drug of each company and what are the details of recommendations in each case; and

(h) by when the report of team will be made public?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The companies involved made representations against the prices fixed by the Government from time to time.

(b) The Supreme Court upheld the prices fixed by the Government.

(c) to (f) The decision to give a hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision application for prices after 31st December, 1983 was taken by the appropriate authority.

(g) and (h) The special team assessed the amounts after verifying necessary records of the companies concerned.

Import of Telecommunication Equipments

3002. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is self sufficient in telephone and telecommunication equipments; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the value of such equipments imported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The value of the equipment imported during the last three years is:—

1985-86	Rs. 95.16 crores	F.O.B
1986-87	Rs. 116.46 „	F.O.B.
1987-88	Rs. 85.00 „	F.O.B. (estimated)

Marketing of Drugs without price Approval

3003. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3276 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under DPCO, 1979 Gravol Tablets, Walavin Tablets, Carisoma Teblets, Iffbrium Tablets, Masse Cream and Delfen Cream were being marketed without price approval;